

Teacher Observations, Mini-Observations, Artifacts and Walkthroughs

	Tool	Estimated	Purpose	Steps	Evidence generated	Minimum	Other
		Duration				Frequency	
Included in the System	Announced Observation (s) (long)	45-60 minutes (±length of a class period)	Observation of educator (teacher) to gather evidence of educator practice	 Pre-observation conference Observation (TS form)¹ Post-observation conference 	Evaluative evidence specific to the educator that can be tagged to a component Teachers or evaluators can upload artifacts in support of the observation after the event	Once (twice if shorter duration) during a Summary Year by the evaluator	May be used by peers across the Effectiveness Cycle for formative practice
	Mini- observations (short) (Formerly referred to as walkthroughs)	15 minutes		Observation (TS form) Feedback provided by evaluator within 1 week		3-5 over the full Effectiveness Cycle, minimum of twice during a Summary Year by the evaluator	Conducted similarly to unannounced observations May be used by peers across the Effectiveness Cycle for formative practice Districts may use district-created observation tools ²
	Artifacts	None	Submitting evidence of practice or outcomes	Upload document(s)	Evidence within artifact tagged by teacher to a specific component or SLO	As often as necessary	Focus on "high-leverage" artifacts that generate evidence for multiple components Can be teacher or evaluator driven
Not Required	Walkthroughs	5-10 minutes	Observing a specific idea, theme, trend, initiative, or topic across multiple classrooms or contexts (usually building-wide at this level)	Observation (TS walkthough tool or district created tool)	Fidelity information or other broad view of theme, trend, or topic. Not intended to be used primarily for evidence collection on specific educator practices	As often as the building administrator or other administrator feels is necessary	Districts may use their own walkthrough tools Not required by the WIEE System

^{1 –} Evaluators may script observation notes using another tool or format and transfer them into Teachscape prior to tagging evidence from observations within Teachscape.

² – District-created mini-observation tools must be developed in such a way as to capture and document observable evidence of specific teacher practices.